

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL POLICY

CURRENT

SUBJECT: THE USE OF PROPOSITION 172 (LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY
PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1993) FUNDS
POLICY NO.: 500-07
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2001

BACKGROUND:

Proposition 172 was adopted by the voters effective November 3, 1993. It amended the California Constitution, adding a new Section 35 to Article XIII in order to collect a one-half cent sales tax and dedicate the revenue to public safety.

The legislation requires that revenue from the additional one-half percent sales tax be used only for local public safety activities, including police and fire protection. The additional sales tax revenue resulting from this measure is intended to partially offset the county and city revenue losses that resulted from the adoption of the state's 1993-94 budget.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction to the City Manager in preparing the annual budget and to provide ongoing guidance to the City Council in reviewing the budget, as to how Proposition 172 revenue should be utilized.

POLICY:

The City Council is committed to improving the level of public safety provided to the citizens of San Diego. Funding for public safety expenditures, including Police and Fire, continues to be the City Council's highest priority.

It is the intention of the City Council that the revenue received from Proposition 172 be utilized only to fund new public safety expenditures over and above current expenditure levels and to fund programs not previously funded, and that no Proposition 172 monies should be used to supplant existing General Fund expenditures. The City Manager is hereby directed to detail how Proposition 172 funds are proposed to be spent annually in the City Manager's proposed budget for the subject fiscal year. This detail shall include the annual allocation of sufficient Proposition 172 funds to be used as the source of payment on the Fire Station Reinvestment bond issuances which will fund the reconstruction and rehabilitation of aging fire stations and the purchase of specifically identified equipment.

HISTORY:

"Establishment or Removal of Jitney Holding Zones"
Adopted by Resolution R-261137 07/09/1984

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Repealed by Resolution R-269871 11/30/1987
"The Use of Proposition 172 (Local Public Safety
Protection and Improvement Act of 1993) Funds"
Added by Resolution R-284168 06/27/1994
Amended by Resolution R-294611 02/27/2001